

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A method of controlling a processor that changes an execution sequence of instructions arranged in a program, the method comprising the steps of:

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executing a second instruction that is placed after a first instruction in the program, prior to execution of the first instruction; and

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when an address of first data to be executed by the first instruction is included in an address region of second data to be processed by the second instruction, overwriting an execution result of the first instruction on data corresponding to the address of the first data.

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2. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

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the first instruction is a store instruction to store the first data into a storage unit; and

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the second instruction is a load instruction to read out the second data from the storage unit.

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3. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

the step of executing the second

instruction includes the step of storing information
for specifying a storage unit that stores an address
of the second data to be processed by the second
instruction and a result obtained by the execution
5 of the second instruction; and

the step of overwriting is carried out in
accordance with the address of the data to be
processed by the second instruction and the
information for specifying the storage unit.

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4. The method as claimed in claim 3,
15 further comprising the step of executing a third
instruction so as to erase the address and the
information for specifying the storage unit.

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5. The method as claimed in claim 3,
further comprising the step of executing a third
instruction so as to erase either the address of the
25 data to be processed by the second instruction or
the information for specifying the storage unit.

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6. The method as claimed in claim 1,
wherein:

the step of executing the second
instruction includes the step of storing
35 identification information of a context to be
processed by the second instruction; and
the step of overwriting is carried out in

accordance with the identification information of the context.

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7. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of overwriting is carried out in accordance with an interrupt operation program, when
10 the address of the first data to be processed by the first instruction is included in the address region of the second data to be processed by the second instruction.

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8. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of overwriting is carried out in accordance with a program at a branch destination designated by executing a branch instruction, when
20 the address of the first data to be processed by the first instruction is included in the address region of the second data to be processed by the second
25 instruction.

30 9. A processor that executes programmed instructions, comprising:

a storage destination memory unit that stores a storage designation of a result obtained by executing a second instruction prior to execution of
35 a first instruction, the second instruction being placed after the first instruction in a program;

a judgment unit that determines whether or

not an address of first data to be processed by the first instruction is included in an address region of second data to be processed by the second instruction; and

5 a data restoration unit that overwrites a result obtained by executing the first instruction on the second data corresponding to the address of the first data at the storage destination stored in the storage destination memory unit, when the
10 judgment unit determines that the address of the first data is included in the address region of the second data.

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10. The processor as claimed in claim 9, further comprising a storage unit that stores data, wherein:

20 the first instruction is a store instruction to store the first data into the storage unit; and

 the second instruction is a load instruction to read out the second data from the
25 storage unit.

30 11. The processor as claimed in claim 9, further comprising a plurality of storage units, the storage destination memory unit stores the information for specifying one of the storage units in which an address of the second data and the
35 result obtained by executing the second instruction is stored.

12. The processor as claimed in claim 9, further comprising a context information storage information for specifying a context to be processed by the second instruction,

5 wherein the judgment unit is activated, only when a context to be processed by the first instruction is determined to coincide with the context to be processed by the second instruction, in accordance with the information stored in the
10 context information storage unit.

15 13. The processor as claimed in claim 9, wherein the data restoration unit performs an overwrite operation in accordance with an interrupt operation program, when the judgment unit determines that the address of the first data is included in
20 the address region of the second data.

25 14. The processor as claimed in claim 9, wherein the data restoration unit performs an overwrite operation in accordance with a program at a branch destination designated through execution of a branch instruction, when the judgment unit
30 determines that the address of the first data is included in the address region of the second data.

35 15. The processor as claimed in claim 9, further comprising a storage destination erase unit

that executes a third instruction so as to erase the storage destination stored in the storage destination memory unit.

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16. The processor as claimed in claim 9, further comprising a storage destination erase unit
10 that executes a third instruction so as to erase the storage destination stored in the storage destination memory unit.

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17. A method of controlling a processor that controls execution of programmed instructions arranged in a program, the method comprising the
20 steps of:

executing an instruction prior to execution of a branch instruction, the instruction being placed after the branch instruction in the program;

25 retaining an exception operation when necessity of the exception operation is detected in the step of executing;

performing the exception operation when the retained exception operation is needed in
30 execution of an instruction at a branch destination selected through the execution of the branch instruction; and

returning to the program so as to continue the execution of the instruction at the branch
35 destination when the exception operation is finished.

18. A method of controlling a processor that controls execution of instructions arranged in a program,

the method comprising the steps of:

5 executing an instruction prior to execution of a branch instruction, the instruction being placed after the branch instruction in the program;

10 retaining an exception operation when an exception start instruction that requires the exception operation is detected in the step of executing;

15 performing the exception operation when the retained exception operation is required in execution of an instruction at a branch destination selected through the execution of the branch instruction; and

20 returning to the program so as to sequentially execute the instructions starting from the exception start instruction, when the exception operation is finished.

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19. The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the step of performing the exception operation is carried out by executing an interrupt operation program.

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35 20. The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein:

the step of retaining the exception operation includes the step of storing information

for performing the retained exception operation; and
the step of performing the exception
operation is carried out in accordance with the
stored information.

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21. The method as claimed in claim 17,
10 wherein:
the step of retaining the exception
operation includes the step of allocating
identification information to each set of data
obtained as a result of a predetermined operation,
15 the identification information indicating whether or
not the corresponding set of data requires the
exception operation; and
the step of performing the exception
operation is carried out when a set of data that is
20 determined to require the exception operation from
the identification information is processed in the
execution of the instruction at the branch
destination selected through the execution of the
branch instruction.

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22. The method as claimed in claim 20,
30 further comprising the step of executing a
predetermined instruction so as to nullify the
information for performing the retained exception
operation.

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23. The method as claimed in claim 21,
further comprising the step of executing a
predetermined instruction so as to nullify the
identification information.

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24. The method as claimed in claim 21,
10 further comprising the step of executing a
predetermined instruction so as to read out the
identification information or to rewrite the
identification information.

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25. The method as claimed in claim 18,
wherein the step of performing the exception
20 operation is carried out by executing an interrupt
operation program.

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26. The method as claimed in claim 18,
wherein:

the step of retaining the exception
operation includes the step of storing information
30 for performing the retained exception operation; and
the step of performing the exception
operation is carried out in accordance with the
stored information.

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27. The method as claimed in claim 18,
wherein:

the step of retaining the exception
operation includes the step of allocating
5 identification information to each set of data
obtained as a result of a predetermined operation,
the identification information indicating whether or
not the corresponding set of data requires the
exception operation; and

10 the step of performing the exception
operation is carried out when a set of data that is
determined to require the exception operation from
the identification information is processed in the
execution of the instruction at the branch
15 destination selected through the execution of the
branch instruction.

20 28. The method as claimed in claim 26,
further comprising the step of executing a
predetermined instruction so as to nullify the
information for performing the retained exception
25 operation.

30 29. The method as claimed in claim 27,
further comprising the step of executing a
predetermined instruction so as to nullify the
identification information.

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30. The method as claimed in claim 27,
further comprising the step of executing a
predetermined instruction so as to read out the
identification information or to rewrite the
5 identification information.

10 31. A processor that executes
instructions arranged in a program, the processor
comprising:

a control unit that controls an execution
sequence so that an instruction placed after a
15 branch instruction in the program is executed prior
to execution of the branch instruction;

an exception inhibiting unit that retains
an exception operation when necessity of the
exception operation is detected during the execution
20 of the instruction placed after the branch
instruction;

an exception operation unit that performs
the exception operation when the exception operation
retained by the exception inhibiting unit is needed
25 in execution of an instruction at a branch
destination selected through execution of the branch
instruction; and

a return unit that returns to the program
when the exception operation is finished, and
30 continues the execution of the instruction at the
branch destination.

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32. A processor that executes
instructions arranged in a program, the processor

comprising:

a control unit that controls an execution sequence so that an instruction placed after a branch instruction in the program is executed prior to execution of the branch instruction;

an exception inhibiting unit that retains an exception operation when an exception start instruction that requires the exception operation is detected during the execution of the instruction placed after the branch instruction;

an exception operation unit that performs the exception operation when the exception operation retained by the exception inhibiting unit is needed in execution of an instruction at a branch destination selected through execution of the branch instruction; and

a return unit that returns to the program when the exception operation is finished, and sequentially executes the instructions starting from the exception start instruction.

33. The processor as claimed in claim 31, wherein the exception operation unit executes an interrupt operation program so as to perform the exception operation.

34. The processor as claimed in claim 31, further comprising a storage unit that stores information for performing the exception operation retained by the exception inhibiting unit, wherein the exception operation unit

performs the exception operation in accordance with the information stored in the storage unit.

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35. The processor as claimed in claim 31, wherein:

10 the exception inhibiting unit allocates identification information to each set of data obtained as a result of a predetermined operation, the identification information indicating whether or not the exception operation is required; and

15 the exception operation unit performs the exception operation, when data determined to require the exception operation in accordance with the identification information is processed in the execution of the instruction at the branch destination selected through the execution of the
20 branch instruction.

25 36. The processor as claimed in claim 34, further comprising a history nullifying that executes a predetermined instruction so as to nullify the information for executing the retained exception operation.

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35 37. The processor as claimed in claim 35, further comprising an identification information nullifying unit that executes a predetermined instruction so as to nullify the identification

information.

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38. The processor as claimed in claim 35,
further comprising:

an identification information read unit
that executes a predetermined instruction so as to
10 read out the identification information; and
an identification information rewrite unit
that executes a predetermined instruction so as to
rewrite the identification information.

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39. The processor as claimed in claim 32,
wherein the exception operation unit executes an
20 interrupt operation program so as to perform the
exception operation.

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40. The processor as claimed in claim 32,
further comprising a storage unit that stores
information for performing the exception operation
retained by the exception inhibiting unit,
30 wherein the exception operation unit
performs the exception operation in accordance with
the information stored in the storage unit.

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41. The processor as claimed in claim 32,

wherein:

the exception inhibiting unit allocates identification information to each set of data obtained as a result of a predetermined operation,
5 the identification information indicating whether or not the exception operation is required; and

the exception operation unit performs the exception operation, when data determined to require the exception operation in accordance with the
10 identification information is processed in the execution of the instruction at the branch destination selected through the execution of the branch instruction.

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42. The processor as claimed in claim 40, further comprising a history nullifying that
20 executes a predetermined instruction so as to nullify the information for executing the retained exception operation.

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43. The processor as claimed in claim 41, further comprising an identification information nullifying unit that executes a predetermined
30 instruction so as to nullify the identification information.

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44. The processor as claimed in claim 41, further comprising:

an identification information read unit
that executes a predetermined instruction so as to
read out the identification information; and

an identification information rewrite unit
5 that executes a predetermined instruction so as to
rewrite the identification information.

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45. A method of controlling execution of
instructions in a program, the method comprising the
steps of:

executing an instruction prior to
15 execution of a branch instruction, the instruction
being placed after the branch instruction in the
program;

retaining a break operation when necessity
to suspend execution of the program is detected in
20 the step of executing the instruction; and

performing the break operation when the
retained break operation is required in execution of
an instruction at a branch destination selected
through the execution of the branch instruction.

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46. The method as claimed in claim 45,
30 wherein:

the step of retaining a break operation
includes the step of storing information for
performing the retained break operation; and
the step of performing the break operation
35 is carried out in accordance with the stored
information.

47. The method as claimed in claim 46,
further comprising the step of nullifying the stored
information.

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48. The method as claimed in claim 45,
wherein:

10 the step of retaining a break operation
includes the step of setting a predetermined value
into a flag; and
 the step of performing the break operation
includes the step of referring to the value of the
15 flag so as to determine whether or not the retained
break operation is needed in execution of an
instruction at a branch destination selected through
the execution of the branch instruction.

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49. The method as claimed in claim 48,
further comprising the step of executing a
25 predetermined instruction so as to nullify the value
of the flag.

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50. The method as claimed in claim 45,
wherein the step of performing the break operation
includes the step of executing the instruction at
the branch instruction selected through the
35 execution of the branch instruction, in accordance
with an interrupt operation program.

51. A processor that executes instructions in a program, the processor comprising:

an exception inhibiting unit that retains a break operation when necessity of suspending execution of the program is detected in execution of a predetermined instruction prior to execution of a branch instruction, the predetermined instruction being placed after the branch instruction in the program; and

a break operation unit that performs the break operation when the break operation retained by the exception inhibiting unit is required in execution of an instruction at a branch destination selected through the execution of the branch instruction.

52. The processor as claimed in claim 51, further comprising a storage unit that stores information for performing the retained break operation,

wherein the break operation unit performs the break operation in accordance with the information stored in the storage unit.

53. The processor as claimed in claim 52, further comprising a nullifying unit that nullifies the information stored in the storage unit.

54. The processor as claimed in claim 51,
further comprising a flag,

wherein:

the exception inhibiting unit sets a
5 predetermined value in the flag; and

the break operation unit refers to the
value of the flag so as to determine whether or not
the retained break operation is needed in the
execution of the instruction at the branch
10 destination selected through the execution of the
branch instruction.

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55. The processor as claimed in claim 54,
further comprising a flag nullifying unit that
executes a predetermined instruction so as to
nullify the flag.

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56. The processor as claimed in claim 51,
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executes the instruction at the branch destination
selected through the execution of the branch
instruction, in accordance with an interrupt
operation program.

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